

United States District Court for the
Western District of Virginia
Charlottesville Division

Civil Action No.
Sines et al Plaintiffs vs.
Kessler et al Defendants

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Defendant Cantwell's Motion to Enjoin
Non-Party Entity U.S. Bureau of Prisons
from obstructing Defendant's Time Sensitive
Communications with the Court.

I am currently being held against my will
in the Communications Management Unit at
the United States Penitentiary in Marion, IL.
The CMU is an uncommon carceral environment
~~permanently~~ originally designed for terrorism
suspects. The Unit features extra restrictions
on inmate communications, such as limiting
us to two pre-scheduled phone calls a week
to pre-screened contacts, and pre-approval of all
written and electronic communications inbound or
outbound.

On paper, we are supposed to be notified if
correspondence is prevented from being delivered. In
practice, letters ~~disappear~~ vanish without explanation.

More frequently, communications are held back
for days or weeks pending the approval of an
"analyst". It borders on impossible for me to
say precisely how long what is withheld, but it is
normal for me to go a week without my daily
Wall Street Journal being given to me, and then
get 7 issues handed to me all at once the
next week.

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More troubling are the CMU's efforts to hinder my correspondence with this Court.

On July 20th I ~~was~~ received Judge Hoppe's order regarding the August 20th settlement conference; the order instructed the parties to send Judge Hoppe a letter under 50 pages explaining their positions in this case.

I composed such a letter over August 1st and 2nd, made copies for Plaintiffs' Counsel and Mr. Kolenich, then gave them all to CMU staff to be put in the mail.

On August 11th I composed an unrelated letter to the Court.

On August 12th I composed yet another letter to the Court.

On August 13th I gave both letters in separate envelopes to CMU staff to be put in the mail.

At the August 20th Settlement Conference, Judge Hoppe said he had no idea what I was talking about regarding any of these letters. Mid-meeting, I was informed that all three arrived in the mail at the same time that very day.

This indicates the CMU held back the August 1st letter for at least two weeks before sending it. I'll stop short of alleging conspiracy with the Plaintiffs, but this concert of action in which the Plaintiffs exclude me

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from correspondence, the Court makes decisions in under two weeks or imposes 5 day deadlines, and the CMU obstructs my outbound mail to this court, creates the perfect storm of circumstances to make my participation in this case go from an impossibility to a cruel joke.

Particularly at this late stage of these proceedings, such obstructions must be prevented. The settlement conference on 8/20 was the first opportunity I had in the four years this case has dragged on to have a private audience with a judge, and nothing got accomplished due to the actions of the Bureau of Prisons.

The Intelligence Research Specialist, Ms. K. Hill, informs me that my "analyst" is a Mr. Michael Collis. My Case Manager is Mr. N. Simpkins. The Unit Manager of the Marion CMU, is ~~Mr. S. Wallace~~ Mr. S. Wallace. The Warden of USP Marion is ~~Dr.~~ Mr. D. Sproul.

I respectfully request this Court order this institution to promptly deliver any and all further correspondence between me and this Court.

Respectfully Submitted 8-24-2021
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